

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Masaaki HIRANO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 3238
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Application No.: 10/750,864	:	Group Art Unit: 1791
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Filed: January 05, 2004	:	Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan
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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM, AND OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER PRODUCED WITH THE METHOD		

AMENDMENT AND RCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 27, 2010 and a one-month extension of time up to and including February 27, 2010 is being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. A request for continued examination is being concurrently filed herewith.